

FF Special Retirement Coverage

Standard Position Description (SPD)# F082

Certification of CSRS Primary (FF) coverage approval for the above SPD can be found in the signed OPM general coverage certification letter dated 07/29/91.

Certification of FERS Primary-Rigorous (FF) coverage approval for the above SPD can be found in the signed DOI general coverage certification sheet dated 10/02/91.

POSITION DESCRIPTION (Please Read Instructions on the Back)

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1. Agency Position No.
F082

2. Reason for Submission <input type="checkbox"/> Redescription <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Reestablishment <input type="checkbox"/> Other		3. Service <input type="checkbox"/> Hdqtrs. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Field		4. Employing Office Location		5. Duty Station		6. OPM Certification No.							
Explanation (Show any positions replaced)				7. Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonexempt		8. Financial Statements Required <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Personnel Financial Disclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Employment and Financial Interests		9. Subject to IA Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							
				10. Position Status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competitive <input type="checkbox"/> Excepted (Specify in Remarks) <input type="checkbox"/> SES (Gen.) <input type="checkbox"/> SES (CR)		11. Position Is: <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisory <input type="checkbox"/> Managerial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neither		12. Sensitivity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-Non-Sensitive <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Critical Sensitive <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Noncritical Sensitive <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Special Sensitive							
15. Classified/Graded by		Official Title of Position				Pay Plan		Occupational Code		Grade		Initials		Date	
a. U.S. Office of Personnel Management															
b. Department, Agency or Establishment															
c. Second Level Review		Range Technician				GS		455		06		JH		11/21/90	
d. First Level Review															
e. Recommended by Supervisor or Initiating Office		Range Technician				GS		455		06		mlh		05-25-90	

16. Organizational Title of Position (if different from official title) Fire Operations Technician		17. Name of Employee (if vacant, specify)	
18. Department, Agency, or Establishment DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR		c. Third Subdivision	
a. First Subdivision Bureau of Land Management		d. Fourth Subdivision	
b. Second Subdivision		e. Fifth Subdivision	

19. Employee Review—This is an accurate description of the major duties and responsibilities of my position.

Supervisory Certification. I certify that this is an accurate statement of the major duties and responsibilities of this position and its organizational relationships, and that the position is necessary to carry out Government functions for which I am responsible. This certification is made with the knowledge that this information is to be used for statutory purposes related to appointment and payment of public funds, and that false or misleading statements may constitute violations of such statutes or their implementing regulations.

a. Typed Name and Title of Immediate Supervisor		b. Typed Name and Title of Higher-Level Supervisor or Manager (optional) L. BARKOW Ch Fire & Aviation	
Signature		Signature	
Date		Date	
		(signed) L. BARKOW JAN 18 1	

21. Classification/Job Grading Certification. I certify that this position has been classified/graded as required by Title 5, U.S. Code, in conformance with standards published by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or, if no published standards apply directly, consistently with the most applicable published standards.

Typed Name and Title of Official Taking Action JULIET D. POWELL Personnel Management Specialist		22. Position Classification Standards Used in Classifying/Grading Position GS-455/462	
Signature		Information for Employees. The standards, and information on their application are available in the personnel office. The classification of the position may be reviewed and corrected by the agency or the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Information on classification/job grading appeals, and complaints on exemption from FLSA, is available from the personnel office or the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.	
Date			
Juliet D. Powell 11/21/90			

23. Position Review	Initials	Date	Initials	Date	Initials	Date	Initials	Date	Initials	Date
a. Employee (optional)										
b. Supervisor										
c. Classifier										

24. Remarks
SUBJECT TO DRUG TESTING

Range Technician, GS-455-6
Fire Operations Technician
Position No. F082

INTRODUCTION

This position is located in a BLM fire suppression organization. The primary purpose of this position is to perform in a variety of firefighting positions throughout the United States and Alaska for the Bureau and for other cooperating agencies. During periods of standby, the incumbent will normally be assigned to equipment maintenance to perform duties in the modification and adaptation of firefighting vehicles and equipment.

DUTIES

- A. The primary purpose of this position is to perform a variety of specialized fire line assignments during extended suppression efforts. Serves as a crew leader or crewmember in carrying out helitack, engine crew, hand crew, or aviation activities. Uses a variety of specialized tools, equipment, and techniques to actively suppress fires. Locates line, directs and participates in line construction, backfire and burnout, pumping, tree falling, and holding/patrol/mop up operations. (40-50%)
- B. May be detailed to other firefighting organizations to carry out initial attack firefighting assignments. May be assigned to assist in providing crew training at BIFC or other locations. (10%)
- C. Functions in positions for which qualified when assigned to prescribed burning projects for the Bureau or other agencies. (10-15%)
- D. Performs routine equipment modification and adaptation work with firefighting equipment following blue prints and diagrams. (25-35%)

FACTORS

Factor 1, Knowledge Required by the Position

Thorough knowledge of fire behavior, fire organizations, fire equipment, and firefighting methods, tactics, and procedures to suppress and direct suppression of fires under various conditions of weather, terrain, and wildland fuels.

Thorough knowledge of fire engine hydraulic systems including effect of elevation, friction loss, and pressure, pumping mechanisms, hose thread and apparatus differences, and operating procedures to distribute hose lays and to operate equipment for peak utilization.

Thorough knowledge of air operations, particularly helicopter policies, procedures, and operations and the capabilities and limitations of helicopters and related equipment to determine loading, takeoff, and landing safety.

Knowledge of accepted safety practices used in suppressing fires on the fireline, around aircraft, and fire engines to prevent injury, damage, or loss of life.

Knowledge of State and Federal Fire Regulations and other fire agencies' policies and procedures in suppression of fires to perform fire suppression assignments and work with individuals in other agencies on suppression assignments.

Factor 2, Supervisory Controls

The employee works under the supervision of a supervisor or work leader who assigns in terms of what is to be done, personnel and equipment available to accomplish the assignment, and the approximate time frames involved. During suppression activities, work coordination is generally provided by others. Within the general framework provided, the employee plans and carries out day-to-day assignments which often include serving as a line supervisor or work leader of other employees. Determines the best utilization of the vehicles, tools, and equipment assigned. Since work is generally accomplished in an organized crew configuration, results are evaluated currently for their effectiveness with work methods and procedures being reviewed primarily in problem situations.

Factor 3, Guidelines

Procedures for performing the firefighting duties have been established, were included in training sessions, and, for some parts of the work, are available in printed materials. Since the employee often serves as a crew leader for a variety of type and size of fires as well as in a variety of organizations, considerable judgment is required in interpreting and adapting guidelines to meet specific situations within the applicable policies and procedures. Makes recommendations on changes to the tactics, methods, and procedures used.

Factor 4, Complexity

The work consists primarily in carrying out fire line assignments during complex fire situations. Decisions relating to the type of suppression methods and procedures to apply to specific situations are limited due to the suppression organization in which the employee works. The actions taken do, however, vary widely with fuel types, fire weather conditions, and the resource values concerned in fire assignments throughout the United States and Alaska. The work is performed for various agencies with various internal procedures and guidelines to follow.

Factor 5, Scope and Effect

The purpose of the work is to serve as a crewmember, squad boss, or in a specialized type position during firefighting assignments. The work performed by the employee/crew contributes to the effectiveness of the firefighting efforts and in protecting resource values.

Factor 6, Personal Contacts

Personal contacts are primarily with other employees in the fire suppression organization.

Factor 7, Purpose of Contacts

The purpose of the contacts is to obtain information, give directions, provide information, clarify assignments, coordinate work efforts, and, occasionally, resolve problems.

Factor 8, Physical Demands

This firefighting position requires recurring strenuous physical labor. The employee must meet the established step test and arduous physical requirements for the position.

Factor 9, Work Environment

The recurring field fire fighting assignments include exposure to various weather, terrain, smoke and fire conditions. Special safety precautions are required in fire fighting and in performing equipment shop duties. The use of safety equipment is often required.